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1. I WAS PLEASED TO SEE REF B, CONFIRMING OUR EARLIER ASSUMPTION THAT GENERAL YOGA HAD MISUNDERSTOOD WHATEVER WAS SAID TO HIM. POSSIBLY SUHARTO WILL HAVE SOME OPPORTUNITY DURING HIS VISIT TO RANGOON NEXT MONTH TO REPAIR WHATEVER DAMAGE HE MAY UNWITTINGLY HAVE DONE TO BURMESE-INDONESIAN RELATIONS IN GIVING NE WIN AN IMPRESSION THAT GOI LENDING ITSELF TO US ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE BURMESE POLICY.

2. WE DO NOT THINK GUB HAS ANY STRONG A PRIORI AVERSION TO REGIONAL CONFERENCES OR OTHER EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON DRUG CONTROL, EXCEPT WHERE THE OBVIOUS PROBLEMS OF BURMESE-THAI DIALOGUE ARE INVOLVED. NON-ATTENDANCE IS MORE LIKELY TO REFLECT GUB'S LIMITED BUDGET FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, LACK OF TIME TO SELECT AND BRIEF A DELEGATION, OR OTHER SUCH FACTORS, THAN CONSCIOUS POLITICAL DECISION NOT TO ATTEND.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE GUB ATTENDANCE, WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS ON ANY UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS ON NARCOTICS AT WHICH BURMESE REPRESENTATION WOULD BE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE AND DESIREABLE. OSBORN

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